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Our Case No. 11336/622

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
PIERRE ZAKARAUSKAS ET AL. )  
Serial No. 09/576,656 ) Examiner Lun S. Lao  
Filing Date: May 22, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No. 2643  
For METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE )  
QUALITY OF AN ACOUSTIC )  
SIGNAL )

**AMENDMENT**

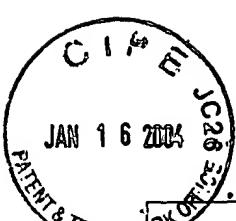
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In reply to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, please consider the following:

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Inventor(s) PIERRE ZAKARAUSKAS ET AL.			
Title of Invention METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF AN ACOUSTIC SIGNAL			

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Amendment and return post card.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- No additional fee is required.
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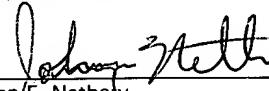
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Small Entity		Other Than Small Entity	
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x \$9 =		x \$18 =	
x 43 =		x \$86 =	
+ \$145 =		+ \$290 =	
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- I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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